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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION.

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WHereas by an Act made this present Session of Parliament, Intituled, An Act against Corresponding with the late King *James* and his Adherents, It is, amongst other things, Enacted, That if any of His Majesty's Subjects, who have at any time since the Eleventh Day of December, One thousand six hundred eighty eight, voluntarily gone into France, or any of the French Kings Dominions in Europe, without Licence from His Majesty or her late deceased Majesty Queen Mary of Blessed Memory, or have at any time, during the late War with France, born Arms in the Service of the French King either by Sea or Land, or who have at any time since the Thirteenth day of February, One thousand six hundred eighty eight, been in Arms under the Command or in the Service of the late King James in Europe, shall at any time after the Fourteenth day of January, One thousand six hundred ninety seven, return into this Kingdom of England or any other His Majesty's Dominions, without Licence from His Majesty under the Privy Seal, every Person so offending, shall (being lawfully Convicted thereof) be Taken, Deemed and Adjudged to be guilty of High Treason, and shall Suffer and Forfeit as in Cases of High Treason: And that if any of His Majesty's Subjects, from and after the said Fourteenth day of January, One thousand six hundred ninety seven, without Licence from His Majesty, shall within this Realm or without, in order to give any Aid or Assistance to the late King James, Hold, Entertain, or Keep any Intelligence or Correspondence by Letters, Messages or otherwise with the late King James, or with any Persons imployed by him, knowing such Person to be so imployed, or shall without Licence from His Majesty, by Bill of Exchange or otherwise Remit or Pay any Sum or Sums of Money for the Use or Service of the late King James, knowing such Money to be for such Use or Service, such Person so Offending, being lawfully Convicted, shall be Taken, Deemed, and Adjudged to be Guilty of High Treason, and shall Suffer and Forfeit as in Cases of High Treason: And 'tis thereby further Enacted, That if any Person who since the Eleventh Day of December, in the Year of our Lord, One thousand six hundred eighty eight, went into France, or any of the French Kings Dominions, without License first had from His Majesty or the said late Queen, or who hath been in Arms under the late King James, or the French King, or in either of their Services since the said Thirteenth day of February, One thousand six hundred eighty eight, hath returned into this Realm, without Licence from His Majesty, or the said late Queen, such Person shall depart this Realm on or before the first day of February, One thousand six hundred ninety seven, unless such Person shall, before the said First day of February, One thousand six hundred ninety seven, obtain His Majesty's Licence in manner aforesaid, for his or her staying here; And in case such Person shall not depart this Realm, on or before the said First day of February, One thousand six hundred ninety seven, or shall after such departure return into this Realm, without His Majesty's Licence, as aforesaid, such Person so offending being thereof lawfully Convicted, shall be Taken, Deemed and Adjudged to be Guilty of High Treason, and shall Suffer and Forfeit as in cases of High Treason. And whereas it is thought necessary, in order that no Persons may, on any account whatsoever, pretend Ignorance of the said Act, but may in all respects conform themselves thereunto, that Publick Notice be given thereof; His Majesty therefore (with Advice of His Privy Council) hath thought fit to Publish this Proclamation, hereby declaring that all Persons who shall be found offending against the said Act, shall be Prosecuted and Punished with the utmost severity according to Law. And His Majesty doth hereby strictly Charge and Command all His Loving Subjects, that they do no ways Conceal, Harbour or Entertain any Persons whom they shall know to be Offenders against the said Act, but use their Endeavours to Take and Apprehend all such Offenders, and to carry them before the next Justice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate, to the end they may be proceeded against according to Law, as they will answer the contrary at their Perils, and on Pain of being Prosecuted for such Offence according to the utmost severity of the Law.

Given at Our Court at *Kensington* the Three and twentieth Day of *January*, 1697. In the Ninth Year of Our Reign.

The following Address from the County of *Essex* was presented to His Majesty by *Edmund Gadwin* Esq; High Sheriff, Sir *Charles Barrington* and Sir *Francis Masham* Baronets, Knights of the Shire, and several others of the Deputy-Lieutenants, and Gentlemen of the County; Introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of *Oxford*, Lord-Lieutenant of the said County.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury, Gentlemen, and other Freeholders of the County of *Essex*.

WE humbly Address our Selves to Your Majesty, to Congratulate Your Safe and Happy Return to us; and the Success with which all Your Glorious and Heroick Actions, and most indefatigable Labours are at last Crowned, by restoring a General Peace to Europe.

You, SIR, are the great Asserter of Liberty and Property, and the Brave Maintainer and Defender of it; who have Rescued us from the Dangers of Popery and Arbitrary Government, preserved to us the enjoyment of our Religion, our Estates, our Laws, and our Liberties, and secured and established All by an honourable Peace.

May Your Majesty now enjoy the Blessed Fruits and Effects of Peace, Your Kingdoms flourish in Riches and Plenty, Your Government be secured by the Hearts and Affections of all Your Subjects, and Your Reign be Peaceable, Long and Prosperous.

The Humble Address of the Justices of the Peace, and the Grand Inquest of the County of Bucks, at the General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace holden at Wendover the 13th of January, was presented to His Majesty by several of the Justices of the Peace, being introduced by the Right